ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

TORONTO—Farms and summer resorts are being swamped by Toronto's flooding population.

We rode in a bus to visit some friends 25 miles north of town, in a former resort area adjoining a small lake.

All the former summer cabins were now occupied the year round. One of two things had happened to them: they had been carpentered into solid dwellings, or they had been neglected.

Many of the lakeshore cabins, formerly neat and charming, had degenerated into squalid shacks.

The mud an debris left over from winter and the patches of grubby snow, unrelieved by the sight of a single bud or blade of grass, addedto the feeling of doom. I don't like early April in Ontario.

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Our friends had built a comfortable house, surrounded by a grove of trees and by a garden which was not yet showing signs of life.

Like the houses around them, they still hoisted water up from a well, and there were open fields nearby. Semi-rural conditions existed only 25 miles from the big city. But the city's breath was already falling on the place. Riding back to town, I saw "For Sale" signs on a nearby farm. Before long there would be new subdivisions.

In another generation, I suppose a man will have to drive 50 miles to see a field—except parks.

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Lying off Toronto waterfront, and shielding its harbor from the force of Lake Ontario, is a group of sandy, low-lying islands shaped on the map like a mutton chop.

Many people built island summer homes, which became year-round homes.

Now this island retreat is the only place where a man can live a shirtsleeve country life virtually in the shadow of Toronto's skyscrapers.

Unfortunately time is running out for the Toronto islands. The planners are determined to make the islands into a park. They have already swept away a big section of homes and stores, and the hotel which was described by one observer as the only tavern in Canada where the topers were plagued by children riding among the chairs on tricycles.

Now the remaining residents are fighting a last-ditch battle—doomed to fail, it seems— for their island hideaway.

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We went down to visit some friends on Ward's Island, one of the group. On the way we saw the spoon-shaped hulls of some of the big lake freight ships. Soon these ships will be joined by "salters" —ocean-going freighters which ascended the St. Lawrence Seaway. A new era for the port of Toronto will begin. And I suppose the town will grow even faster.

We plugged over to Ward's Island in a ferry. The ferry service doesn't pay. The urban government wants to do away with it; possibly build a bridge instead. (Will someone tell me why ferries are required to make a profit, or break even, while roads and bridges are allowed to run at a loss?)

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The island was a restful place of sand, boardwalks and pleasant houses. There isn't a single passenger car on the island. The absence of cars produces a feeling of tranquility which is hard to put into words.

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Making the islands into a park may be in the best interests of the majority. In the same way, it is fairer to let all the chickens loose on the grass, instead of reserving it for a rooster and one hen.

The trouble is that if you turn loose all the chickens, they eat all the grass.

Instead of being a charming retreat for a few thousands, the islands will became a swarming playground for hundreds of thousands. Is that a forward step? Unfortunately, there are just too many people in Toronto, and in the world.

General's Technique

An old hand at handling small fry—he has 11 grandchildren—Gen. Alfred Gruenther, president of the American Red Cross, demonstrates his technique in Seattle, as he visits a Red Cross mother-baby care class. Robin Hancock, who's just five months old, seems pleased at the careful handling she's receiving.

$20,000 Gallery Wing Ker Family Gift

Offer of a $20,000 commemorative addition to the Greater Victoria Art Gallery by city businessman Robert H. B. Ker has been welcomed by gallery officials as a "solution to the institution's most pressing space problems."

The commemorative section has been offered by Mr. Ker to mark the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first member of his family in Victoria.

Preliminary sketch plans have been prepared for a glass-fronted addition to the east facade of the centennial wing. Gallery officials hope construction can begin early in the summer.

The Ker commemorative gallery will increase substantially the area of the $80,000 fireproof centennial wing which was Victoria's primary centennial project.

First member of the well-known family to reach Victoria was Robert Ker, who arrived from Dalkeith, Scotland, in May, 1859. He became auditor-general of the Crown Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia.

Anthony Emery, president of the gallery, stated "This is the third major landmark in the recent growth of the gallery. The first was Miss Sara Spencer's gift of her home on Moss Street in 1951, the second was the wing built as a centennial project last year."

Mr. and Mrs. Ker reside at "Windover," Arbutus Road, Gordon Head. Their children and grandchildren complete five generations of family participation in the life of the Victoria community.

Experiments Succeed—With Dogs

Reds Switch Hearts

NEW YORK (AP) — A prominent American surgeon verified Saturday night that Soviet medical scientists, in research designed to lead to the transplanting of human limbs, have successfully transplanted both hearts and heads in experimenting with dogs.

Dr. A. David Gurewitsch, associate professor at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Centre, observed the operations in Moscow last September.

"Nobody can underestimate what the Russians are doing," Dr. Gurewitsch said. "Their technical accomplishment is very considerable."

Dr. Gurewitsch who was accompanied on one of his visits to the Moscow laboratory by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, said "a word of reserve" should be added to his appraisal of the Soviet operations on dogs.

"This surgical aspect is only one and we think not the most important aspect, of the transplantation of tissue," he said. "But nobody can underestimate what the Russians are doing."

The most important aspect in medical efforts to transplant human limbs, Dr. Gurewitsch said, "is to learn the secret of the biochemical processes and other processes.

MAJOR PROBLEM

"The tissue of one body reacts against foreign tissue from another body. And this is the major problem, but we have begun to overcome it."

"We have started to transplant a piece of blood vessel and put it into another party."

Dr. Gurewitsch said the entire Soviet success "is based essentially on a "very complicated gadget," which actually permits surgeons to staple one blood vessel to another with one movement.

Time is of the essence in such surgery, Dr. Gurewitsch said, and the instrument developed by the Soviets "does in 30 seconds what it would normally take a surgeon 30 minutes to do—that is the linking of one blood vessel to another."

While in Moscow, the doctor said, he was told that the Soviets have granted a licence for the commercial production of this instrument in the United States.

"There is nothing like it in the United States today," he said.

For Example...

LONDON (AP) — Radio Moscow said Friday night a puppy's head has been successfully added to an Alsatian dog and both the dog and the extra head are doing well.

Condemned Elephant May Get Zoo Reprieve

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — Dorothy, the circus elephant whose fate aroused widespread concern, has been given a temporary reprieve from a scheduled execution Sunday.

There also was a strong indication the reprieve will be permanent, with the elephant spending her remaining years at Tulsa's Mohawk Zoo.

Tulsa zoo director Hugh Davis said he and two trainers will fly here early to see the elephant and obtain information which would be helpful if she is brought to Tulsa as an exhibit animal.

Davis said he talked Saturday night with Jack Moore, an owner of the Carson and Barnes Circus which had decided earlier that the 25-year-old elephant would have to pay with her life for the death of one man and injury to another.

Davis said Moore had placed "no time limit" on the reprieve.

'Near-Broke' Millionaire $10 Richer

NEW YORK (AP) — Warm-hearted Brooklynites are soliciting funds for John Jacob Astor III, who is reported to be down to his last $5,000,000.

In the east New York luncheonette of Sam Atlas, Sam and a customer decided, "Let's take up a collection."

Sam's wife, Priscilla, produced an empty pickle jar and Sam pasted on it the appeal.

"Please help poor John Jacob Astor . . . He has only $5 million."

By Friday, there was at least $10 in change in the jar.

And $30,000 Missing

Doukhobors Quiet, One Waits in Jail

KRESTOVA (CP) — This Sons of Freedom Doukhobor stronghold, which erupted into another chapter of violence Friday with an attack on three inquiring police officers, was quiet again Saturday — with one of its number in jail.

Mrs. Walter Perepelkin was remanded on $200 bail after being charged with assault on a police officer. Bail had not been posted late Saturday. Mrs. Perepelkin will appear in Nelson police court Monday.

The Sons of Freedom or reformed Doukhobors of this Kootenay area with an avowed creed of pacificism, have been blamed in the past for bombings burnings and other violence.

EXAMINE SCHOOLS

Friday, the three RCMP officers came here to investigate a Doukhobor system of education the sect hopes will be acceptable to the provincial government.

The Sons set up the four schools because they feel the B.C. education system teaches militarism. The Sons of Freedom children are taught now in a dormitory-type institution at New Denver.

The RCMP spoke Friday with the Sons' school committee and a bearded teacher called Volodya Stepano. Details of the meeting were not disclosed.

It was learned, however, that the curriculum includes Christian guidance, grammar, mathematics, world geography and a limited amount of history. All teaching is in Russian.

The attack followed the meeting. A group of women apparently started it, and one woman punched at an officer. No arrests were made then and the police left in a hurry, their cruiser covered with mud and broken eggs.

The outbreak followed 10 days of meetings in the community concerning the new schools and the seizure late Wednesday night of two children who were taken to the New Denver school.

Both were Mrs. Perepelkin's children, Dennis, 12, and Walter, 11.

Mrs. Perepelkin was arrested at 1 a.m. Saturday. "Necessary force" was used to open the door when the family inside refused to answer repeated summonsing.

MONEY MISSING

A further development was reported Saturday.

The Trail Times said the Sons were in an uproar over the disappearance of $30,000 from their communal treasury, lodged in various Spokane, Wash., banks. The report said the money was supposed to have gone to Stefan Sorokin, exiled spiritual leader of the Sons, who now lives in Uruguay.

The report said the disappearance of the money "has generated bitter recriminations among factions of the sect (and) a source at Krestova said any cohesion that might have existed at one time in the Sons community is gone, perhaps forever."

The paper said the disappearance of the money was the real issue among the Sons of Freedom and incidents like the attack on the police Friday were "merely symptoms of a deeper evil."

Prices Announced

VANCOUVER (CP) — Oolichan prices for the season were announced Saturday by the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union. The tiny fish will retail at 15 cents a pound, wholesale at eight cents and be sold to companies for freezing at five cents a pound.

Marriage Probably Dissolved

VANCOUVER (CP) — Mr. Justice A. M. Manson indicated Friday he is prepared to declare invalid the Mohammedan marriage of a German-born B.C. girl to a Pakistani man.

Ute Khan asked the court for release from a marriage Feb. 13, 1957, at the Pakistani Embassy in Washington to Ashraf Tamizuddin Khan. After the wedding the bride returned to B.C. and refused to go to Pakistan, the court was told. The bridegroom declined to come to B.C.

According to Canadian Cancer Society officials, no drug has yet been found which cures cancer. The most effective treatment for the disease is surgery or radiation in the early stages.

Cadets Score Third Win

Rifle team of the Kinsmen Squadron No. 89 Air Cadets yesterday fired a team total of 778 points out of a possible 800 to win the Duke of Connaught trophy for the third year in a row.

The score was the team's highest in the test.

Obituaries

City Resident Since 1867, Fanny Bannerman Dies

Private funeral service for Mrs. Fanny Louise Bannerman, age 98, a resident of Victoria for 92 years, will be held Tuesday at McCalls at 1.30 p.m.

Born at Portsmouth, England, she attended school at Craigflower, later returning there as the wife of Alexander McLellan Bannerman, a teacher.

Active in community affairs during much of her life, she was a member of the board of the YWCA and a member of the Women's Canadian Club and Navy League Chapter, IODE. She was also a member of St. Barnabas' Church and at the time of her death a member of the Cat Protection League.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Irene Bannerman, 538 Linden, with whom she lived; a grandson, James B. Hurst, Vancouver; and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Percy Bannerman.

Her son, Percy, and daughter, Mrs. R. J. Hurst, are dead.

Burial will be at Ross Bay. Her family has requested that no flowers, letters or cards be sent.

Nellie Tindall

Funeral services for Nellie Tindall, 74, a resident of Victoria for 71 years, will be held at 1.30 p.m. in Hayward's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tindall, who was born in 1885 in York, England, died Friday. She came to Victoria when she was three years old.

Among survivors are her husband, George Tindall of 730 Sea Terrace; two daughters, Mrs. W. C. V. Martin and Miss Margery Tindall of Victoria; one sister, Mrs. Arthur Sherman in Victoria and one brother, Harry Sherburn of Union Bay.

Siren's Power Assured

Emergency power plant, believed to be one of the first for volunteer fire departments in the province, has been installed in Sidney firehall.

The gas-driven generator, costing about $700, will provide power for an emergency siren in the event of a power failure which would prevent the sounding of the regular siren.

Need for the new equipment follows the changeover to automatic phones. Before the change, when lack of power stopped the siren, telephone operators would phone individual members of the fire brigade when alarms came in.

Weather Forecast

April 12, 1959

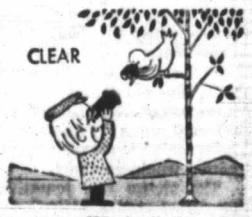
Mostly sunny with little change in temperature. Winds westerly 20. Saturday's precipitation, nil; sunshine nine hours and 30 minutes. Monday's outlook little change.

Recorded Temperatures:
High 55 Low 46

Forecast Temperatures:
High 60 Low 43
Sunset 5.31 Sunrise 7.00

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Mostly sunny and a little warmer. Winds light except northwesterly 20 in Georgia Strait. High and low at Nanaimo 63 and 33. Monday's outlook little change.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Sunny with cloudy periods. Little change in temperature. Winds light. High and low at Estevan Point 55 and 40. Monday's outlook little change.



TEMPERATURES

	Low	High	Precip.
St. John's	21	33	
Halifax	32	36	.04
Montreal	36	48	--
Ottawa	36	46	--
Toronto	34	43	--
North Bay	22	35	--
Port Arthur	19	40	.15
Kenora	18	37	--
Winnipeg	26	45	--
Brandon	21	47	--
The Pas	19	47	--
Regina	12	48	--
Saskatoon	24	35	--
Prince Albert	26	53	--
North Battleford	28	36	--
Swift Current	23	30	--
Medicine Hat	30	49	--
Lethbridge	24	45	--
Calgary	27	46	--
Edmonton	27	46	--
Kimberley	28	48	--
Crescent Valley	27	70	--
Kamloops	33	72	--
Penticton	31	70	--
Vancouver	48	59	--
Prince Rupert	40	46	.46
Prince George	34	58	--
Whitehorse	19	50	--
Seattle	47	51	--
Portland	48	56	--
San Francisco	46	72	--
Los Angeles	55	78	--
Spokane	37	72	--
Chicago	27	43	--
New York	43	53	.27

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
12	03.36	7.8	11.51	2.7	21.19	7.2	23.20	7.0
13	03.34	7.	12.44	2.9	22.16	7.4	23.56	7.3
14	03.36	7.7	13.20	2.9	23.05	7.3		
15	09.39	7.2	03.22	7.5	14.11	3.0	23.44	7.4
16	02.02	7.3	05.10	7.4	13.06	3.2		
17	03.05	7.4	16.05	3.4				
18	00.08	7.4	05.58	6.4	09.45	6.6	17.02	3.7
19	00.12	7.6	06.2	5.6	11.21	6.7	17.56	3.9
20	00.32	7.8	06.58	4.6	12.30	6.8	18.44	4.2
21	01.00	8.1	07.38	3.6	13.33	6.9	19.30	4.6
22	01.31	8.5	08.20	2.6	14.33	7.1	20.13	5.1

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
12	01.28	8.2	06.14	9.7	13.28	3.3	21.14	10.2
13	02.21	8.6	06.40	9.5	14.03	3.6	22.08	10.2
14	03.20	8.8	07.14	9.3	14.49	3.8	23.07	10.2
15	04.30	8.8	07.59	9.1	15.42	4.0		
16	00.01	10.3	08.08	8.5	09.05	8.8	16.40	4.2
17	00.48	10.4	07.02	8.1	10.37	8.6	17.42	4.4
18	01.27	10.5	07.49	7.4	12.12	8.6	18.42	4.7
19	02.09	10.7	08.17	6.9	13.39	8.9	19.34	5.1
20	02.32	10.8	08.34	5.9	14.34	9.3	20.32	5.5
21	03.02	10.9	08.31	4.4	16.01	9.9	21.23	6.1
22	03.34	11.0	10.10	3.3	17.03	10.4	22.14	6.7

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